

**REMARKS**

The present application contains claims 233-234, 236-251 and 253. Claim 233 was amended to include the limitation of claim 252, which was cancelled.

Claims 233, 234 and 236-239 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Wakabayashi (US patent 5,951,576). The Examiner stated that claim 252 is allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In response, claim 233 was amended to include the limitation of claim 252. Therefore, claim 233 and its dependents, claims 234 and 236-239 are allowable.

Claims 240-251 and 253 were indicated as being allowed by the Examiner.

Thus, all the claims currently in the application were indicated as being allowable by the Examiner. A notice of allowance is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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